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Be Kind – re-wind!

I know I am talking old technology today. Why? I know this because when I offered to video something for my niece, she asked “What’s a video Auntie Heather?” – wow – it was in that moment that I knew I must be getting old now.

But there once was a day when, if you hired a video from a shop, there were signs around saying “be kind and re- wind”. Now of course there was a hope that, if you did the right thing, other people would also do the right thing so that when you hired your next video it would be ready to play straight away. But is that real kindness? Doing the right thing only because you had the expectation that everybody else is doing it as well?

At the moment Covid rules have been legally relaxed but we are being encouraged that, in order to be kind to others, we still wear masks where possible....as scientists suggest that masks are more about protecting others from ourselves rather than the other way round. So, it is very much about being kind to others and, although we may hope others do the same in return, there are no longer any guarantees. This can be hard to see and experience but as Christians we are called to love and serve our neighbour without the certainty of anything good being reciprocated. Of course, this is hard sometimes, not just with Covid rules but with other life circumstances when we are criticised or rejected in the face of trying to help. That can be so hard to deal with.

But, just like the prayer / poem credited to Mother Teresa said, in the call of doing the right thing in the face of opposition, we are called to “do it anyway”....

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

So....be kind.....re-wind.....or whatever the equivalent is for you today.... and do it anyway!

Heather

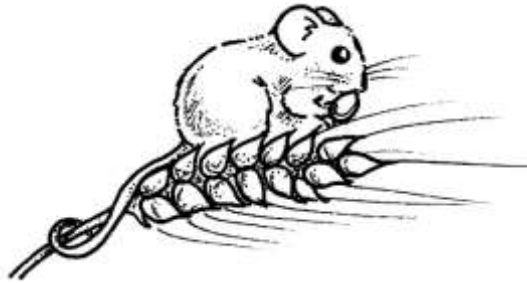


Listen to a Sunday Service from Coventry Cathedral

We're acutely aware that not everyone has access to the internet and so have now started a service which means that you can listen to the latest recording of a Sunday service from Coventry Cathedral over the telephone. You can choose between listening to the whole service, hearing just the sermon or enjoying an anthem sung by our virtual choir. The number to dial is 02476 939700. You pay just the cost of a local call – which may well be included in your phone package anyway. Of course, if you haven't got internet access you won't be able to read this – so, next time you're on the phone or writing a note to someone who might be interested, please let them know. Thank you.



Also, the Church of England provides Daily Hope, a 24 hour free phone line.



Prayer Diary for August

We have taken the prayer diary for August which follows from the Diocesan website.

You can find this and much more information from our Diocese at <https://coventry.anglican.org/>



Prayer Diary

August 2021



New Priests and Deacons

For eleven months of the year, the *Prayer Diary* focuses on the eleven deaneries in our diocese. In the month of August, however, there is space for a change of focus.

A few weeks ago the new Priests and Deacons were ordained in the Cathedral. You will find a brief biography of each of these ministers in this edition of the *Prayer Diary*. Please pray for them. In the Cycle of Prayer for this month, the words of the Litany from the Ordination service are included as well as a variety of other people and events for you to remember in your prayers.



Jacquelynn Ayton is a deacon at St. Alban's Church in Stoke, Coventry. She trained at Queen's Foundation in Birmingham. She has a heart for social justice issues, especially on topics of race, gender, and sexuality. Jacque is originally from the United States, but is now proudly a dual American/British citizen. She spent several years teaching English and other languages in various countries around the world, before settling in the UK with her British husband.

Matthew Bull is a deacon in the parish of Bedworth. Matthew has served as a Licensed Lay Minister in Hope Church Islington for more than a decade and trained at Trinity College Bristol. He is married to Sandra and they have two sons, Benjamin almost 20 and Zachariah almost 17. Matthew is very much looking forward to the challenge of being a deacon and God willing a priest next year.



Sarah Cushing is a deacon at All Saints, Emscote in Warwick. Sarah has lived in Stratford-upon-Avon all her life. She has one son, James, aged 30 who runs his own website and programming business, and an 8 year old cat called Lily. She is very passionate about the truth at the heart of the Gospel, as well as animal welfare, mental health issues, and coming alongside those suffering with addictions.

Matt Ford is a deacon at St Marks Coventry. He was originally on staff as a worship pastor when St Marks first planted and he is excited to remain part of the team as the church discovers what God is calling them to next. Matt is married to Grace, and they have the privilege of working alongside each other with Grace working as the children's minister at St Marks. Matt is passionate about people from all walks of life being drawn into the presence of God.



Eira Hale is a deacon at St Nicholas' Church in Warwick. Prior to her training at The Queen's Foundation in Birmingham, Eira was a Chief Inspector in Sussex Police and worked in local government in Oxfordshire and Coventry, with particular responsibility for safeguarding. Eira wants to see her fellow disciples grow in faith and become the glorious people God created them to be.

Su McClellan is a deacon at Coventry Cathedral. She also continues to lead the Church Engagement Team at Embrace the Middle East. She is keen to learn about the role the church can play in reconciling divided communities, locally, nationally and internationally. She is passionate about connecting Christians in the UK with our sisters and brothers in the Christian communities of the Middle East, recognising that we are all part of "the one household of God".



Cycle of Prayer - August 2021

Sun 1

Ninth Sunday
after Trinity

Lammas Day, the first Sunday in August when traditionally a loaf was placed on the altar as a thank you for the coming harvest. Father God, the earth is yours and the harvests are your bounty. We ask your blessing on the harvest. We ask that farmers facing difficult times may know your love. Amen.

Mon 2

The Litany: "For all called to be deacons and priests in his Church, let us pray to the Lord." We pray especially for all those who are to be ordained this year, and pray God's blessing on them in their new roles.

Tue 3

The Litany: "Remembering all who have gone before us in faith, and in communion with all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God." The Litany: "For those who are lost and for those who have strayed, that they may return to the way of Christ, let us pray to the Lord."

Wed 4

Collect: "Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross, that in the world to come we may see him as he is. Amen."

Thu 5

We thank God for all those who serve as Spiritual Directors, mentors and guides and pray for God's wisdom for each of them. We pray for those who are in need of support in their faith, that they may find and receive the guidance they need.

*Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642

Fri 6

The Transfig-
uration of our
Lord

August is 'National Road Victim Month'. Please pray for those injured and for the families and friends of those who have been killed on the roads this year. Pray for care, wisdom and safety for all those who drive.

Sat 7

We pray for all who have the opportunity to find refreshment through a holiday. We pray for all those working in the hospitality industry providing holidays for others. We remember those who are not able to take time away due to financial pressures or health problems.

*John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer, 1866

Sun 8

Tenth Sunday
after Trinity

We thank God for the ministry of Lay Readers in our churches. We pray for God's blessing on them and the ministry to which they have been called. We thank God for all lay leaders and preachers, and remember especially those who are offering more time during the summer to cover holidays.

*Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

Mon 9

We thank God for the work of the Mothers' Union in this diocese and across the world. We pray for God's blessing on the Diocesan President, Jane Hill, and all the office-holders that serve the MU.

*Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921

Tue 10

We thank God for our brothers and sisters who serve and worship in other Christian denominations. We ask God for new opportunities to work together ecumenically to help transform our local communities.

*Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258

Wed 11

The Litany: "For ourselves, for grace to repent and amend our lives, that we may be pardoned and absolved from all our sins, let us pray to the Lord."

*Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoreesses (Poor Clares), 1253

*John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian, 1890

Thu 12

The United Nations has declared today to be "International Youth Day." We pray for young people throughout the world, particularly those living in poverty, fear or danger. We pray for the Church's mission among the young people in our communities. Take time to pray for young people known to you, and ask God to meet their spiritual, social and emotional needs.

Fri 13

The Litany: "For the unity of the Church, that we may be one in Christ, according to his will, let us pray to the Lord."

*Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667

*Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910

*Octavia Hill, Social Reformer, 1912

Sat 14

The Litany: "For the poor and the hungry, for the homeless and the oppressed, for all prisoners and captives, and for our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith, let us pray to the Lord."

*Maximilian Kolbe, Friar, Martyr, 1941

Sun 15

The Blessed
Virgin Mary

We pray for those who are grieving. We remember those who feel alone and pray for God's comfort and blessing. Pray that God will give us the compassion to comfort and care for those who are in need.

The Litany: "For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord."

Mon 16

The Litany: "For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness we may proclaim the gospel of reconciliation to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord." August is National Immunisation Awareness Month. This campaign is held to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. Vaccines save lives. We pray for this campaign.

Tue 17

The Litany: "For all the members of the Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve him in truth and love, let us pray to the Lord." We give thanks for people running food banks this summer. Bless those who give and receive. Please help increase capacity of foodbanks and help the food go to those who need it most.

Wed 18

We thank God for all those who lead children's and youth work. We pray for the new groups and programmes being planned for September, whether online or in-person.

Thu 19

We pray for those who are struggling financially. We remember especially those searching for work and those in need of food and shelter. We give thanks for all those seeking to meet these needs in Churches, charities and the welfare system.

Fri 20

The Litany: "For the sick and suffering, for the aged and infirm, for the lonely and neglected, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord."

*Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153

*William and Catherine Booth, Founders of the Salvation Army

Sat 21

We pray for all parishes that are currently experiencing a vacancy. We pray for the appointment processes, that the right ministers will be found to lead these parishes forward. We also pray for the new opportunities in lay ministry during the vacancy.

Sun 22

Twelfth Sunday
after Trinity

We pray for clergy who are currently taking a sabbatical, and for those who are planning one during the next twelve months. We pray that these sabbaticals will bring refreshment, renewal and a re-focus of ministry.

Mon 23

We thank God for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and for the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell. We pray for strength, wisdom and nourishment for them.

The Litany: "For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord."

Tue 24

Bartholomew
the Apostle

We thank God for those people we count as our family. We pray that God may strengthen family life within our local communities. We also pray for any families known to us who are facing particular difficulties at this time.

Wed 25

We pray for all who work for the Diocesan Board of Finance - for those working in the diocesan office and those working from home. We pray for God's guidance as they seek to serve and equip the whole of the Diocese of Coventry.

Thu 26

We thank God for the gift of friendship and pray for our friends. We remember those people who struggle to make friends or who have lost important friendships recently. We pray for new opportunities for friendships to begin, develop and flourish.

Fri 27

The Litany: "For Christopher and John our bishops, and for all bishops, presbyters and deacons, that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness, let us pray to the Lord."

*Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

Sat 28

We pray for all who work in the business and financial sectors. We thank God for the integrity, generosity and commitment that is demonstrated by so many in this field. We pray for new opportunities this day for God to be made known in offices and places of work throughout the country.

*Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430

Sun 29

Thirteenth
Sunday after
Trinity

We pray for those who serve in local and national government. We pray for wisdom as they make hard decisions. We pray that God would refresh and give new purpose and enthusiasm for their work.

*The Beheading of John the Baptist

Mon 30

The Litany: "For those who do not yet believe, that they may receive the light of the gospel, and for those whose faith has grown cold, let us pray to the Lord."

*John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688

Tue 31

We pray for children and young people coming to the end of their summer holidays and preparing to return to school. We ask that they would know peace and courage as they move into new school years.

*Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651



Anne-Marie Marsh is a deacon at St. John the Baptist, Hillmorton and St. Gabriel's Houlton, Rugby. Before training Anne-Marie was a Civil Servant within the department of work and pensions and has wide managerial experience, as well as vast experience working with those most vulnerable in our communities. Anne-Marie is particularly passionate about social justice and bringing the gospel to communities.

Jo Parker is a deacon at St. Giles, Exhall. Jo trained full time at the Queen's Foundation in Birmingham, and has thoroughly enjoyed the luxury of studying after her hectic life as a Maths teacher, mother of three young adults and churchwarden. Jo's husband Colin died suddenly at the end of last year and she asks for your prayers as she embarks on the next stage of ministry without him.



Andy Ruffhead is a deacon at St Paul's, Leamington Spa. Before training he worked at the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics, whilst worshipping at St Aldates church in Oxford. He fell in love with the Church as God's broken yet beloved family, and is passionate about the local church bringing God's Kingdom to its communities.

John Samuel is a deacon at St. Laurence's Church, Foleshill. He worked as motor trader and his wife, Sandra, is a health care worker. John graduated in Theology and Ministerial Studies in 2017. During his studies, God began to call him to ordained ministry in the Church of England. John trained at St. Mellitus College in Chelmsford. John loves to make disciples through preaching, teaching, pastoral care, practical help and friendships.



Ros Williams is a deacon at St Marks, Coventry. She trained for ordination at St Mellitus College and her placement church was Holy Trinity Clapham. Before training Ros worked in a large Roman Catholic secondary school for girls in South London teaching History and German. She loves leading Alpha courses and seeing people find faith and hope in Jesus.

Sarah Ashelby is a priest at The Bridge Benefice, Coventry with a particular focus on St Stephen's, Canley. Over the past year, Sarah has felt a strong calling to be 'among the people' and the new Food Hub set up in Canley during the pandemic has offered many connections and friendships to be built with local residents. As a priest she looks forward to deepens the call to bring others to Jesus and serving the poorest and most vulnerable in her communities.





Daniel Bennett is a priest at Stoke St Michael. Daniel's ministry has included recording online services from his study, contributing to outdoor Wild Messy Church sessions, and delivering school assemblies. He also organised the church's support of Christmas present appeals by two charities for the children of Coventry. He looks forward to where the Spirit will lead him in the coming year.

Andy Clasper is a priest at St Mark's, Swanswell. Andy has been given a brief which includes leadership of the social transformation ministry of St Mark's, something that he is hugely passionate about. One of the highlights of the year has been the amazing Worldfoods Food Hub that has emerged, providing ethnically-appropriate food to the refugee population of Hillfields each week.



Martin Davies is a priest at St. Michael's Budbrooke. Despite the Covid restrictions, it has been a fantastic, and busy year for Martin; learning new skills, but also learning to organise his time between work and ministry which very often merge and become one and the same. A lovely consequence of living, working and ministering in the community.

Heather Elson is a priest at St Mark's Church in Leamington Spa. Heather has had the privilege of offering pastoral support to one of the local primary schools which has led to the agreement that she will now be the school chaplain, which she is very excited about! Heather is looking forward to seeing what the next two years has in store, with our surprising and loving God!



Glenn Lowde is a priest at St Mark's Bilton. Glenn has learnt lots of new skills in streaming services and keeping in contact with the St Mark's community in different ways - with such things as virtual coffee meetings, leading home groups on zoom and pastoral calls via the telephone. He has found it a privilege to be supporting families through these difficult times with funerals and interments.

Mike Stewart is a priest at St Andrew's, Shotton. There have been many highlights over the last 12 months: walking along side families suffering with bereavement at this difficult time, leading services in person and online, getting to know people despite the restrictions, and leading a service of compline each night which has developed into a small worshipping community that extends far outside the parish.



Praying for our Parish in September 2021

Luke 10 v 36 – 37

Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell in the hands of the robbers?

The expert in the law replied, ‘the one who had mercy on him.’

Jesus told him. ‘Go and do likewise’

1	Pick up piece of litter. Pray for the environment to be protected and recover.
2	Learn a Bible verse. Pray for schools as they start up again that the children will learn new things and that the teachers will be an inspiration.
3	Phone a friend. Pray for your friends and their needs
4	Support the fire brigade by going to the fire station open day. Thank God for all the Fire brigade does.
5	Discuss the service with someone. Pray for the church family that we will soon be all together again.
6	Share a healthy snack with someone. Pray for tots that they will carry on reaching out to local families.
7	Learn the order of the first 15 books of Old Testament. Pray for Boys’ Brigade as they share the Good News with the boys.
8	Buy something from a local business. Pray for the local businesses that they will be successful.

9	Learn the order of the first 15 books of the New Testament. Pray for Girls Brigade that their numbers will increase.
10	Send a card to a family member. Pray for your family and their needs.
11	Donate some items to a charity shop. Pray for the homeless that they will be safe and find shelter.
12	Thank Heather for all she has done. Pray for the church leaders that they will be renewed by the Holy Spirit.
13	Read the Bible verse Matthew 25 v 31 – 45. Thank God for doctors and nurses and all that they have done so far.
14	Do a good deed. Pray for Scouts and Guides that the kids will have fun.
15	Make something and give it to someone. Pray for Messy Church as they hopefully start up again soon.
16	Read Luke 18 v 15 to 17. Thank God that He cares for everyone and that He will bless foster families.
17	Write a constructive letter to your MP. Pray for the government and the decisions they need to make on so many things.
18	Don't waste water today. Pray for the places that experience drought.
19	Invite someone for a cup of tea. Pray for the church and the social interactions we have with the members
20	Stick to the rules. Pray for the police as they have a lot going on and for their safety.

21	Bake something and share it. Pray that the community café will be a place of meeting of new and old friends.
22	Find out about an organisation the works with Persecuted Christians. Pray organisations will be able to help those in need.
23	Donate an item to the foodbank. Pray that everyone will have enough food.
24	Find a verse about peace and pray it over the countries where there is War and civil unrest
25	How can you help a neighbour? Pray that people will take up the vaccine globally and that the pandemic will come under control.
26	Find a way to encourage the church leaders in our church. Thank God for the support the church and the leaders have given Heather.
27	Read the story of the good Samaritan Luke 10 v 25. Pray God will keep paramedics safe during their call outs.
28	Instead of driving, walk to where you need to go this week. Pray that everyone will do their bit to help the environment improve and recover.
29	Request a prayer letter from a charity i.e. Barnabas fund, Open Doors, Christian aid etc. or go on their website, pick a prayer point and pray for it.
30	Encourage Olwyn for all her hard work at the centre. Pray that the community centre will go from strength to strength.

Matthew 5 v 7 - 9

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Foodbank - What we can Continue to Do



The pressures on foodbanks continues to grow so we would continue to urge you to consider making a donation towards their work.

Please visit their website- www.nuneaton.foodbank.org.uk and click on the Donate button at the top right of the page.

This is a really valuable way we can collectively as Churches show our love to the vulnerable people in our society – especially as we are not able to support them with our usual collection of tinned/packet food.



CHRISTIAN CHARITY NEWS

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Youth for Christ was started in the 1940's by one of the world's most famous evangelists, Billy Graham and since then thousands of evangelists have declared truth to gatherings of young people and have seen countless young people make decisions to follow Jesus.

This charity has a heart for young people and work in many different areas of youth work. They want to see young people's lives changed by Jesus. Many young people in Britain today (and around the world) are growing up without any Christian input in their lives; know nothing about Jesus and His saving power; no knowledge of the Bible as to how to live their lives and have no-one to turn to when things go wrong in their lives. Increasingly, children and young people are growing up in unstable home situations, with the temptations of the world all around them, resulting in addictions and mental health problems and ruined lives.

Youth for Christ exist to show Jesus in a way which is relevant to every young person in Britain. They work in schools, prisons, churches and local communities, using sport, music and the arts to name a few ways to demonstrate the love of God, declare who Jesus is, encourage a decision to follow Him and to disciple young people to live their lives to the full.

The charity has over 60 local ministries across England, Scotland and Wales which are locally focused outreach projects where churches work together to take the Good News of Jesus to young people in their communities, maybe in a youth centre, on the streets or maybe schools. Some may run breakfast clubs, youth events, drop-in clubs or run a range of activities.

Youth for Christ also have Touring Teams available to visit churches, schools or youth clubs for a day or up to a week. These groups include The Sense, an electrifying band, made up of talented young musicians with a heart for music and mission and also Stance, which is Youth for Christ's urban dance crew. The young leaders all receive a high level of training in youth work, communication and are of course fully DBS checked. They also run (before Covid) residential weekends for 8 - 18 year olds providing accommodation, food and activities, filled with opportunities for young people to meet with God.

Teams also work in Young Offenders prisons running Youth Alpha, Christianity Explored and arts and life skills workshops and mentoring schemes. Many young lives have been changed from a potential life of crime or hopeLESSness to a life full of hopeFULness with Jesus. Praise to the Lord for these changed lives.

Contact details: Youth for Christ, Business Park East, Unit D2, Coombswood Way, Halesowen, West Midlands B62 8BH. Tel: 0121 502 9620 or e-mail yfc@yfc.co.uk

Lynda Kelly

Sharon's Recipe for August - Pitta Pizza with Sweet Potato Salad (Serves 2)



Pitta Pizza with Sweet Potato Salad

Serves 2

Ingredients Pitta Pizza

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- ½ red onion, finely chopped
- 1 clove of garlic, crushed
- ½ celery stick, finely chopped
- ½ red pepper, finely chopped
- 6 tbsp passata
- 2 tsp tomato puree
- Pinch salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tsp paprika
- ½ tsp ground cumin
- ½ tsp ground coriander
- ⅛ tsp cayenne pepper
- 2 Pitta breads

Olive oil to brush over pitta bread
100g cherry tomatoes, halved
30g cheddar cheese grated
40g mozzarella cut into circles

Ingredients Sweet Potato Salad

300g sweet potato, peeled and cut into chunks
1 tbsp olive oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Ingredients Dressing

½ red onion, finely chopped
1 spring onion, finely sliced
Small bunch of chives snipped into quarters
1 tbsp sherry vinegar
1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
1 tbsp honey

Salad leaves to serve

Method

*Start by making the sweet potato salad but whilst the oven is on put the halves of cherry tomatoes on a baking sheet and place in the oven on a separate shelf for 5 minutes to soften them whilst the sweet potatoes are cooking.

1. Preheat the oven to 200 degrees C / gas mark 6.
2. Put sweet potato on a non-stick baking tray and drizzle over 1 tbsp of olive oil and season with salt and pepper and toss to coat the potatoes
3. Roast for 30 – 35 minutes turning occasionally, until tender and golden.
4. Remember to put in the tomato halves in the oven for just 5 minutes – see previous note*.
5. Allow the potatoes to cool at a little

6. Whisk together all the dressing ingredients and gently toss through the potato chunks without breaking them up.
7. Whilst the sweet potatoes are roasting make the pizza sauce by gently frying the red onion in 1 tbsp of olive oil for 5 minutes until softening
8. Add the crushed garlic, the celery and red pepper and continue to fry gently for another 5 minutes.
9. Add the passata and tomato puree, seasoning, paprika, grd cumin, grd coriander and cayenne pepper and let the mixture simmer gently and thicken for 5 minutes.
10. Toast the pitta bread until just turning golden
11. Lay the Pitta bread on a baking tray and brush with a little olive oil
12. Spread over the pizza sauce
13. Top with the softened tomatoes and the cheeses
14. Place the pizzas in the oven for 5 minutes

Serve immediately with the sweet potato salad and salad leaves.

Sharon's Recipe for September – Peach, Apricot and Cream Cheese Pastries (Makes 8)

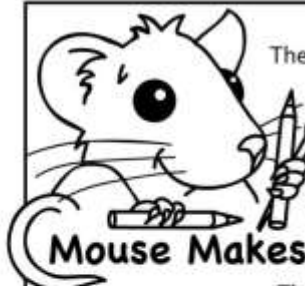


Ingredients

- 1 pack of puff pastry
- 1 tin of apricot halves, drained
- 1 tin of sliced peaches, drained and syrup reserved
- 60g cream cheese (eg Philadelphia)
- 30g icing sugar, plus extra for dusting
- ½ tsp vanilla extract

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200 conventional, 180 fan.
2. Roll out the pastry to approximately 30 x 40 cm, cut into 16 discs using a 9 cm cutter or rim of a cup.
3. Lay half the discs out on a lined baking tray and lightly brush each with some of the reserved peach syrup.
4. Pat dry the apricots and peaches and place one apricot in the middle of each disc and arrange the peach slices around the apricot (you may not need use all the peaches).
5. Place the remaining discs over the top of the peaches, stretching to fit if necessary.
6. Use a slightly smaller cutter to push down lightly to seal the two discs together (or crimp together with a fork).
7. Rest in the fridge for 20 mins.
8. Brush the pastry with some more syrup and dust with icing sugar.
9. Using a knife, prick two slits in the top of the pastry, about half a cm apart.
10. Bake for 20-25 mins until golden.
12. Allow to cool on a wire cooling tray
11. Beat together the cream cheese, sugar and vanilla and put in a piping bag.
12. Once the pies have cooked and cooled, use a knife to cut out the sliver of pastry scored earlier.
13. Use a piping bag to fill the pies with the cream cheese mixture, dust with more icing sugar and serve.



Mouse Makes

THE BIG CATCH OF FISH

The disciples had spent all night out on the lake fishing. As the sun rose a man on the shore asked them, "Have you caught anything?" They answered, "Not a thing". He said to them "Throw your net out on the right side of the boat and you will catch some."

So they threw the net out and could not pull it back in because they had caught so many fish.

Then John recognised the man and said, "It is the Lord"

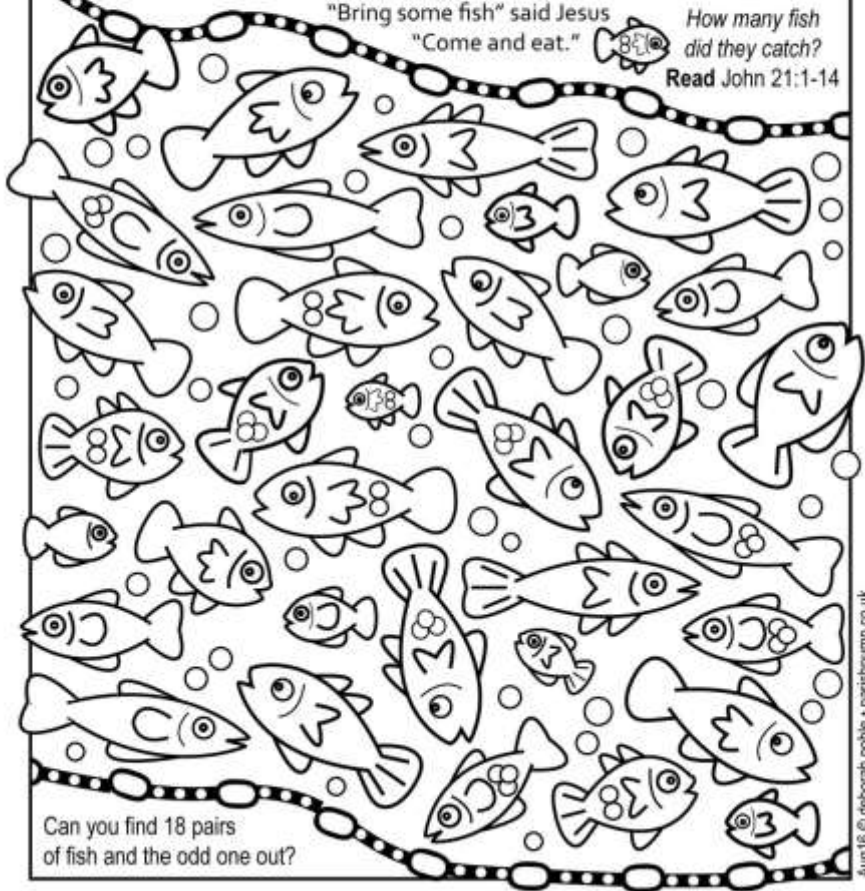
When they reached the shore there was a fire burning and some bread.

"Bring some fish" said Jesus

"Come and eat."

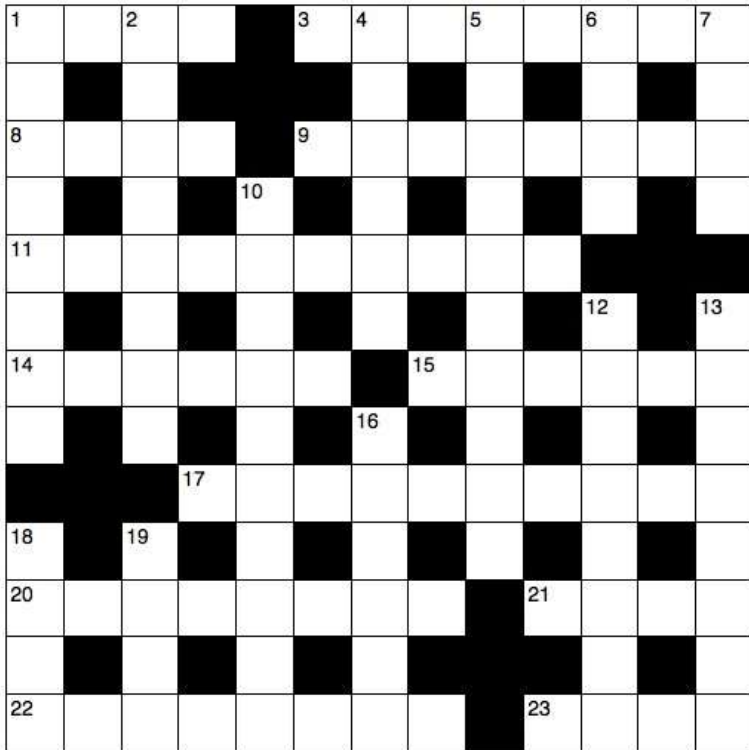
How many fish did they catch?

Read John 21:1-14



Can you find 18 pairs of fish and the odd one out?

Crossword



Across

1 and 3 Two of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28) (4,3,5)

3 See 1 Across

8 'Let us draw — to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith' (Hebrews 10:22) (4)

9 O Simon is (anag.) (8)

11 Form of government under the direct rule of God or his agents (10)

14 How Jesus found his disciples when he returned to them after praying in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45) (6)

- 15 In The Pilgrim's Progress, the name of the meadow into which Christian strayed, which led to Doubting Castle (2-4)
- 17 Glad sin rat (anag.) (10)
- 20 Spinal column (Leviticus 3:9) (8)
- 21 Valley of the Balsam Tree with a reputation of being a waterless place (Psalm 84:6) (4)
- 22 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one — — sees clearly' (Numbers 24:3) (5,3)
- 23 Adam and Eve's third son (Genesis 4:25) (4)

Down

- 1 David's great friend (1 Samuel 20:17) (8)
- 2 'The Lord... will bring me safely to his — kingdom' (2 Timothy 4:18) (8)
- 4 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; — — or wine touched my lips' (Daniel 10:3) (2,4)
- 5 Seeking to vindicate (Job 32:2) (10)
- 6 Female servant (Isaiah 24:2) (4)
- 7 'For Christ died for — once for all' (1 Peter 3:18) (4)
- 10 'Offering spiritual sacrifices — to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5) (10)
- 12 Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 19:12) (8)
- 13 One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:20) (8)
- 16 'You have — of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12:19) (6)
- 18 'There before me was a white horse! Its rider held — — , and he was given a crown' (Revelation 6:2) (1,3)
- 19 Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1)

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ACROSS: 1, John. 3, And James. 8, Near. 9, Omission. 11, Theocratic. 14, Asleep. 15, By-path. 17, Stalingrad. 20, Backbone. 21, Baca. 22, Whose eye. 23, Seth.

DOWN: 1, Jonathan. 2, Heavenly. 4, No meat. 5, Justifying. 6, Maid. 7, Sins. 10, Acceptable. 12, Marriage. 13, Shadrach. 16, Plenty. 18, A bow. 19, ECHO.

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